



Meal Cold Weather (MCW)/ Long Range Patrol (LRP)

What It Is:

Dual Purpose in a Single Product...Specialized rations were designed for both cold-weather forces and Special Operational Forces (SOF) in a single food product called the Meal Cold Weather (MCW)/Long Range Patrol (LRP).

Why It's Needed:

Soldiers who work and live in extreme cold need rations that supply extra calories and nutrition. Soldiers who are part of Special Operational Forces (SOF) need rations in a lightweight, low volume package. Since the primary components of the MCW and the LRP are the same, we decided to cut costs by combining them into a single product.

How It Works:

We're using the same meals for both the MCW and the LRP, with these differences: the LRP food packet comes in one tan bag and totals 1540 calories to meet the low weight and volume requirements; the MCW food packet comes in three white bags and totals 4620 calories, meeting the caloric requirements for a cold-weather ration.

Benefits:

Lightweight...12 menus with entrées are freeze-dried, light, small and require little preparation.

Weather Resistant...The rations won't freeze in cold-weather extremes.

Cost Effective...By combining the two special-purpose rations, their availability is increased and costs are cut significantly.

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